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City mum on $100M bailout

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The city yesterday refused to comment on details of a closed-door meeting that enabled a $100-million bailout to help offset the mounting costs of the Olympic village in False Creek.

"It's not in the taxpayer's interest to talk about day-to-day dealings," said Jody Andrews, the village's deputy manager and project manager, adding that the taxpayer's "risk profile in this project hasn't changed — the project will be delivered on time."

Furthermore, Andrews said that the "commitment of the city remains unchanged."

Vancouver city council approved the money in a closed-door session on Oct. 14, when the private developer was struggling with the international credit crunch and cost overruns in a slowing housing market, according to news reports.

Yesterday, NPA mayoral hopeful Coun. Peter Ladner remained tight-lipped about the meeting, and was led away by staff when reporters questioned him about the loan following the Downtown Vancouver Association's debate.

Earlier, he conceded that the council is "concerned about finances."

"We've been prudent with (the Property Endowment Fund)," he added. "It is equipped to take situations like this and make loans like this."

Ladner was also stunned to learn that Vancouver's director of finance, Estelle Lo, had resigned. Media reports speculate that Lo quit her position after months of expressing concern that the city was taking on too much financial risk.

The full cost of the project has been estimated at about $1 billion, and as part of the public-private partnership some of the units will be made available as affordable or social housing.

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Jody Andrews

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Deputy City Manager Jody Andrews, project manager for Southeast False Creek, speaks at the Olympic Village site yesterday afternoon.

Mayoral debate catches Ladner off-guard

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for Metro Vancouver

The final mayoral debate yesterday began with a surprise and ended abruptly for Non-Partisan Association candidate Peter Ladner.

The panel's first question startled Ladner when he learned that the city's director of finance Estelle Lo had resigned. And when the debate concluded, Ladner left quickly, evading reporters who wanted to know the details behind the city's $100-million loan to the Olympic village's builders.

In the debate, Ladner addressed the cut in the village's social housing component to 20 per cent from 33 per cent.

"We're being pilloried for right now," Ladner said. "We saved about $65 million by doing that."

Vision Vancouver candidate Gregor Robertson said there's a long way to go before Vancouver is Olympics-ready.

"We have a real challenge … in making sure that when the world comes to Vancouver, they see a city that doesn't look like it looks today," he said.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Facing the media following the final mayoral debate yesterday morning following his rival's quick exit, Vision Vancouver candidate Gregor Robertson used the opportunity to put his now-paid transit fine behind him and to focus on the Olympic Village loan and resignation of the city's chief financial officer — the latter a surprise to the NPA's Peter Ladner.

And that could entail being more progressive on dealing with homelessness, Robertson added.

Ladner pointed to a 10-year homeless action plan that includes a focus on permanent housing but added that taxpayers can't "take on the homeless situation for the nation of Canada — people from all over Canada are coming here."

"Housing minister Rich Coleman told me he has never once received a call from Gregor Robertson to discuss homelessness in Vancouver," Ladner said, a charge Robertson denied.

Harper, Obama talk on phone

EXCHANGE Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. president-elect Barack Obama spoke about the global credit crisis, the environment and the military mission in Afghanistan in their first conversation following Obama's historic victory.

Harper and Obama shared a "warm exchange" and vowed to remain strong allies, a senior government official said of the phone call that took place yesterday afternoon.

Harper congratulated Obama on his win in Tuesday's election, and the two leaders agreed to speak again soon, the official said.

Harper spoke about Obama at a news conference in Toronto.

"This is a tremendous, historic occasion for the United States in all kinds of ways," Harper said. "Obviously the election of the first African-American president is a tremendous and truly inspiring moment ... in American political history."

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Fill 'er up — gas falls to under 90 cents
Gas prices dropped to under 90 cents a litre in some parts of the Lower Mainland yesterday. A Costco in Abbotsford offered gas at 89.9 cents a litre. Recent oil prices in B.C. have reached their lowest levels in a year and a half, according to bcgasprices.com. METRO VANCOUVER

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Light to help reduce pollution

The provincial government wants to install a stoplight at the Peace Arch border crossing into Washington State in an effort to reduce pollution. Drivers waiting in line will be asked to turn off their engines while they wait.
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New roof and soccer-specific renos unveiled for B.C. Place

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Whitecaps fans were given a glimpse of what a revamped "soccer-specific" B.C. Place might look like yesterday as Whitecaps FC and PavCo unveiled an artist's rendering showing how the new roof might be configured.

The retractable roof will be constructed using the same technology as the Commerzbank Arena in Frankfurt, Germany.

Warren Buckley, CEO of the B.C. Pavilion Corporation (PavCo), said the German roof is a different design than the one proposed for B.C. Place.

"We refer to it as a comparator in concept," said Buckley. "Not in terms of design. The design here is really quite different."

No price has yet been set on replacing the roof, which will be put to tender in late December.

The artist drawing also shows soccer-specific renovations that will be put into place after the 2010 Games and before the 2011 Major League Soccer season.

The renovations include floor-level hospitality suites, the extension of seating down to field level and a draping system to close off the upper deck and end zones, which would temporarily drop the stadium's capacity to about 22,000.

The improvements are designed to increase the "intimacy of the venue."

Renovations

- Renovations are already underway to spruce up B.C. Place in time for the 2010 Olympics. The $65-million project includes the redevelopment of all common spaces, washrooms, plazas and concessions as well as dressing rooms and media facilities.

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An artist's rendering shows how a reconfigured soccer specific B.C. Place stadium might look.

Green roof growing atop convention centre

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In a year's time the big green "living" roof of the new Vancouver Convention Centre is going to be a Vancouver icon as well-known as B.C. Place's air-supported roof or Science World's geodesic dome, Premier Gordon Campbell said yesterday.

"The living roof … is going to be something that is recognized around the world," said Campbell, taking part in a ceremonial planting to mark the completion of the 2.5-hectare plant-covered roof, the largest in North America.

More than 350,000 indigenous plants and grasses have been planted in a 15-cm deep substrate of sand, organic mulch and lava rock and will be watered by 43 km of irrigation piping.

"There are more living plants on the roof of the Vancouver Convention Centre than flowers in all of Vancouver's 200 parks."

The facility, to be completed in March, is built to a Gold LEEDS environmental standard and uses an in-house treatment system to reclaim water from the roof.

Campbell said the building will use 70 per cent less water than a comparable building. As well, the green roof will act as an insulator, reducing heat gains by 95 per cent in summer and heat losses by 26 per cent in winter.

When the convention centre opens its doors — to the 1,000-strong American Bar Association convention in April — the final budget will be $883.2 million. In 2003, its cost was estimated at $495 million.

The centre has already booked 159 events.

JEFF HODSON/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

A government employee walks along the newly planted living roof of Vancouver's new convention and exhibition centre.

Thieves stealing gas from charity

GAS Thieves have been stealing gas from Burnaby's Red Cross volunteer vehicles over the past two months by drilling holes into the vans' gas tanks.

The vans are used to deliver equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and hospital beds to patients.

Robert Davies, manager of the equipment loan program at the Red Cross, said these incidents hurt the non-profit organization financially.

"It costs almost $600 to fix the vans' gas tanks and there is an extra cost to send the equipment by courier when the vans are off the road," he said.

The Burnaby Red Cross will now look into building a fence to keep thieves away.

MONICA MARTINEZ
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News in brief

CONTEST If you were disappointed not to win the contest to name the Vancouver Aquarium's baby beluga, you've got another chance to name a baby — a ferry, that is. TransLink is offering the public the chance to name its new SeaBus. Submissions will be accepted until Nov. 21, at translink.bc.ca.

2010 Your last chance to request tickets for the Vancouver 2010 Games expires tonight at midnight. METRO VANCOUVER

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Weather grinds Grouse to a halt

The Grouse Grind was closed yesterday because of dangerously wet and windy weather conditions on the trail. The Grind is usually open until snow covers the trail at the upper sections. NEWS1130.COM

South Delta cheerleaders streak at game

SPORTS Cheerleaders from South Delta Senior Secondary School streaked half-naked across a football field and sprayed silly string on the opposing team's football players at an Oct. 25 game.

The women, covered only by their underwear and duct tape across their breasts, told CBC News the streaking was a "harmless graduation prank."

The principal said those involved will be suspended if they perform any other pranks. MARIA COOTAUCO /METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

CORRECTION NPA city council candidate Michael Geller hired unemployed people, not homeless people, to help erect his election signs.

VOTE COPE and Vision Vancouver school trustee candidates will make class size a priority, mayoral candidate Gregor Robertson announced yesterday. He said the number of secondary class sizes have increased by 18 per cent since 2006. METRO VANCOUVER

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Award-winning New York chef Daniel Boulud at Lumière Restaurant on West Broadway yesterday.

N.Y. chef heads north

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At $100, it could be the priciest patty to ever be put in a bun.

Next month you'll have the chance to sink your teeth into award-wining New York chef Daniel Boulud's famous DB Royale whenever you please — or whenever finances allow.

Boulud's world-renowned New York eatery, DB Bistro Moderne, will open in Vancouver in what was Feenie's, and while he's keeping mum on the menu, his fois gras- and truffle-stuffed burger will be available.

Boulud said yesterday that introducing a franchise into a new region while incorporating the culinary culture of that area is a balancing act.

"I'm here to … project what a Daniel restaurant is, but (also) to integrate myself into Vancouver," Boulud said yesterday.

"Each (of my) restaurants is not a copy of my restaurant in New York. It must resonate with here. The food will adapt to here."

Boulud said the menu will be driven by local farmers and suppliers.

"(It) will have a lot of dishes that were popular in New York, but well adapted to here. I'm not a cookie cutter chef. (The bistro) will have its own original soul … and will take its own destiny here."

VPD, province launch safe driving crackdown

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TRAFFIC Think twice about sneaking through that intersection on a yellow light today.

The Vancouver Police Department, in conjunction with the British Columbia RCMP and ICBC, yesterday launched a month-long awareness and enforcement campaign aimed at reducing collisions at intersections.

The campaign will kick off at the top crash locations in the province with plain-clothed police officers watching for tail gaiters, light-runners and speeders.

Solicitor General John van Dongen said one in three drivers in British Columbia has been in an accident in the past five years. Most were preventable.

"We all need to take responsibility for our driving behaviour if we want our roads to be safer," he said, adding that more than 40 per cent of all police-attended crashes in B.C. occur at intersections.

"Many people think tailgating or failing to yield are harmless," added ICBC road safety director Nicolas Jimenez. "The fact is they cause crashes that can injure or kill people. Driving smart means really thinking about consequences."

Crashes

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Ladner spoofed by Vision Vancouver

Vision Vancouver spoofed Peter Ladner on the online social messaging utility Twitter. Under Ladner's fake Twitter profile, an update reads: "Okay, peeps – where should I spend my first week in office? DTES or Maui?" Vision spokesman Ian Baillie admitted Vision's role in the joke. METRO VANCOUVER

A wide variety of choices for mayor

PHOTOS: RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Peter Ladner, left, and Gregor Robertson, right, are the leading candidates for to be Vancouver's mayor,

While Peter Ladner of the Non-Partisan Association and Gregor Robertson of Vision Vancouver are the leading candidates in the Nov. 15 civic election there are 13 others running for mayor.

Some of those candidates fall under the "fringe" category, according to Gary Mauser, a professor in business administration at Simon Fraser University.

"They're exciting in the sense that we live in a democracy and anybody, however self-described, can file and run — that's good," said Mauser said. "But, while the Nude Garden Party will no doubt amuse voters, minor parties tend to divert votes from the bigger parties who do have a chance at winning an election.

Here's is a quick profile of all mayoral candidates:

PATRICK BRITTEN

The Nude Garden Party candidate wants voters to consider making Spanish Banks, Third Beach in Stanley Park, Jericho Beach and "maybe even English Bay" clothing optional.

GOLOK Z. BUDAY

The Toronto-born Libertarian has a penchant for making up new words like "pornstitution" and "Phylotician" with which he peppers his official website.

MENARD D. CAISSY

The candidate previously known as Matthew Bristo (he changed it to Menard D. Caissy on Sept. 1) is big on education.

MARC EMERY

The Marijuana Party candidate champions the legalization of drug and instating a regulated, licensed and controlled distribution of the substances.

MIKE HANSEN

If elected, Hansen says he'll do away with the title "Your Worship" and send the necklace and sceptre that comes with being a mayor, to the Vancouver Museum.

JOE HATOUM

Hatoum wants to see a free Vancouver bus, all-night SkyTrain, more organic community gardens and healthier food in schools.

ANGEL L. JIMENZ

Jimenz says that if elected mayor, he'll request an independent internal investigation of the Vancouver Police Department and make files of proven cases of misconduct by force members public.

LEON KAPLAN

The bookstore owner and comedian's platform includes raising beer prices at GM Place, iPods for every citizen and turning libraries into Masonic lodges.

BETTY KRAWCZYK

The 80-year-old Work Less Party candidate advocates for children's rights, elder's rights and economic equality.

JEFF KUAH

The Malaysian-born candidate is looking to institute a zero-tolerance policy for criminals if elected.

PETER LADNER

Ladner is a two-term city councillor and founder of Business in Vancouver, a weekly newspaper.

R.H. MAXWELL N. BUR

Bur wants to put an end to the Gay Pride Parade and rid Vancouver of illegal drugs.

BILL RITCHIE

The small-business owner wants to build a major express lane exclusively for cyclists and won't support international travel expenses for city officials and staff if voted in.

GREGOR ROBERTSON

The Vision Vancouver candidate is the co-founder of Happy Planet, an organic food company and has fought for the regulation of carcinogens and toxins throughout British Columbia.

SCOTT YEE

Yee wants to build a public housing system that he says will earn the city $1.2-billion every year.

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Hunters who found boy don't think he spent all 3 weeks in bush
The hunters who found the body of 15-year-old Brandon Crisp in a forest in central Ontario on Wednesday, said it's clear the boy has been there a while, but they said his clothes were in such good condition they thought it unlikely the boy was there for the whole three weeks he was missing. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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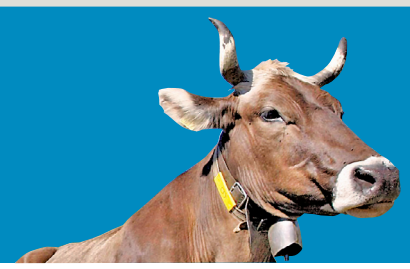

Bad feed blamed for mad cow

An official investigation into Canada's 13th case of mad cow disease said yesterday infected feed was most likely to blame — the same reason given in many previous cases. The animal, a five-year-old dairy cow from a farm in British Columbia, was identified in June 2008. Since then an additional instance of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) has been discovered in Canada. REUTERS

Cities want funds for infrastructure

JOBS The federal government is sitting on $3 billion in unspent infrastructure funding, money that could be used to create thousands of jobs and help immunize Canada's economy against recession, municipal officials say.

Officials with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities went to Parliament Hill yesterday to urge Ottawa to step up infrastructure investments as a way to "soften" the impact of a slowing economy.

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News in brief

FOOD The federal government is about to unveil tough new listeria testing rules in food plants across the country, Torstar News Service and CBC have learned.

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DNA repair, cancer linked

Montreal researchers have discovered a critical cellular process that, when not working, allows the sun, cigarettes and other environmental carcinogens to cause tumour growth.

In a study released yesterday, University of Montreal scientists say they found a mechanism that repairs the DNA damage that can often lead to cancer. This mechanism, they say, is broken in 50 per cent of the tumours they have looked at.

"Nobody has ever discovered this level of DNA regulation and repair — I think that's a major thing," says Elliot Drobetsky, an assistant professor of medicine at the school and principal author of the study. "We went on to find that it appears to be mutated in human cancers."

The study could lead to far more effective chemotherapy treatments, he said.

The genetic repair kit is controlled by a critical cellular protein known as ATR, which tends to a number of DNA-related functions within the cell nucleus.

"ATR is a key sensor of DNA damage and it sits on top of this gigantic (cellular) pathway," he said. "The part of the pathway that regulates the DNA repair function seems to be absent in many tumour cell lines."

Drobetsky said no one had suspected ATR controlled this genetic repair kit, critical to preventing the formation of cancerous tumours. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trudeau **Proud day for a mother**

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Newly elected Liberal member of Parliament Justin Trudeau, son of late prime minister Pierre Trudeau, is congratulated by his mother Margaret Trudeau after being sworn in during a ceremony on Parliament Hill yesterday.

Accused killer teased as a child

EDMONTON Accused killer Mark Twitchell was the victim of mental cruelty as an adolescent, according toa former classmate.

"Kids used to call him 'Twitch Hell,'" said a former classmate from St. Cecilia's Junior high and Archbishop O'Leary high school, who asked his identity be protected. "The kids used to pick on him quite a bit."

He recalled watching Twitchell, helpless as a group of kids played "keep-away" with his glasses at O'Leary high, steps from his parents' home, where he was arrested on Oct. 31 for the murder of 38-year-old Johnny Altinger.

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Russian suicide bomber kills 11

A suspected suicide bomber killed 11 people outside a Russian market yesterday, prosecutors said, in one of the worst attacks in months to hit Russia's turbulent North Caucasus region. REUTERS

World

"We found younger volcanic activity on the far side of the moon."

Makiko Ohtake of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

Moon volcano

High-resolution photographs capturing the far side of the moon have revealed volcanic activity earlier than previously thought pegging it at 2.5 billion years ago. REUTERS

Gay activists confident despite loss

ELECTION California revoked same-sex marriage this week and more states joined the strong majority that define marriage as between a man and a woman — yet gay rights activists see a bright future for their cause.

Marriage

- Gay couples wed for nearly half a year in California after winning a state Supreme Court battle in May. Those marriages are now in question.

While a conservative-backed ballot measure banning same-sex marriage passed in America's most populous state on Tuesday, it is a measure of the gay movement's success that it is now fighting for civil rights instead of mere acceptance of a sexual orientation that was seen as deviant and criminalized just a few decades ago. REUTERS

Pressure on key job picks

Barack Obama will meet his economic team today and hold his first news conference since becoming U.S. president-elect as the country awaited signs of how he might tackle the economic crisis.

Obama, who stands to inherit the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, faced pressure to announce his picks for key economic jobs, including Treasury secretary, though there were no indications of when he might do so.

On Wall Street, stocks closed sharply lower for a second day. The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 443.48 points, or 4.85 percent, after plummeting almost 500 points or about five per cent Wednesday — the biggest fall ever on the day after a presidential election.

Though the timing of the Treasury secretary announcement was uncertain, names being considered for the job included Timothy Geithner, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, former Treasury secretary Lawrence Summers and former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker.

Summers and Volcker were on the 17-member transition economic advisory board who will meet with Obama today, a statement from the transition office said.

Obama made his first key appointment by naming U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, a brash veteran of Bill Clinton's White House, to chief of staff. REUTERS

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A picture of U.S. President-elect Barack Obama is projected as Kanye West and Estelle (both not pictured) perform during the MTV Europe Music Awards ceremony in Liverpool, northern England, yesterday.

Unconventional welcome from Italy

- Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi gave an enthusiastic, if unconventional, welcome yesterday to the election of Barack Obama, citing among his attributes youth, striking looks and a good suntan.

Eliot Spitzer will not face charges

CRIME Former New York Governor and aggressive white collar crime prosecutor Eliot Spitzer will not face criminal charges for his involvement in a prostitution ring that led to his resignation, U.S. prosecutors said yesterday.

Eliot Spitzer

Spitzer, who stepped down as governor in March amid a scandal over a $1,000-an-hour prostitute, in a separate statement yesterday for the first time acknowledged his participation in the sex ring.

The Department of Justice decided not to pursue charges based on Spitzer's admission of guilt and their practice of not punishing prostitution offences by "Johns." REUTERS

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How to Break Up with a Friend

It's a fact: virtually every woman has dumped a friend at some point. It's an incredibly unpleasant experience – for the dumper and the dumpee. After all, cutting ties with a friend is the ultimate betrayal – it's mean, selfish and yet in some cases, completely necessary. Like it or not, some friendships aren't worth saving.

If you're hanging on to a fizzling friendship, it may be time to end it. But instead of icing your friend, take the high road and tell her – tactfully – that it's time to part ways.

"Women stay in bad friendships too long all the time because they don't know the difference between self-care and being self-centred. It's in our nature to soothe people and avoid hurting them," says Allison Wood, an Ottawa-based psychotherapist. "But sometimes you have to choose to let it go. It's hard to do, but you'll feel better in the long run."

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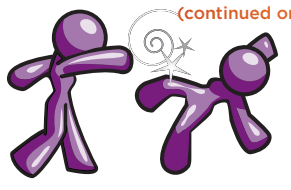

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No Obama bias: Experts

POLITICS At times during this year's U.S. presidential race, it seemed that supporters of Republican John McCain bashed journalists covering his campaign almost as hard as they did his Democratic rival, Barack Obama. McCain partisans were roused to anger by a perception that mainstream news organizations routinely gave Obama preferential treatment en route to his election as the first black U.S. president. But media scholars, including a former top aide to McCain, disagree. They said campaign coverage often did lean in Obama's favour, though not because of a hidden liberal agenda. Experts said Obama's poll numbers rose in response to events within the campaign, not the daily news cycle. REUTERS

News in brief

HURRICANE Hollywood movie houses said yesterday they are turning the silver screen "green," by cutting waste, energy and costs in an industry known for its over-the-top productions.

FAITH Catholic and Muslim leaders at unprecedented Vatican meetings vowed yesterday to jointly combat violence committed in God's name, to defend religious freedom and to foster equal rights. REUTERS

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Comment & Views

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Duties done through history unwritten

My father was 34 when he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, a week before Christmas in 1940. It's hard to remember now that, halfway through the second year of World War Two, winning didn't look like a sure thing for the Allies — at this point just Britain and the Commonwealth countries. It would be six months before Germany invaded Russia, and another year before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, and no one expected Britain to hold out until then.

From where we sit, history always looks inevitable; a single outcome never less than ordained, all the drama and anxiety long since evaporated. World War One was supposed to be over in a few months but dragged on for over four years, but by the time my father enlisted there were credible scenarios imagining the war with Germany and Italy lasting a decade, perhaps longer.

John Babcock is the only surviving Canadian veteran of World War One, and in two or three decades the men who served alongside my father will be down to a few dozen, perhaps less. The cenotaphs and war memorials around which our Remembrance Day services are held will have been in place for at least a century, and almost no one will be left alive who will remember how crucial they once were — the closest thing to a headstone here for the friends and family of the men and women who were buried all over Europe and Asia.

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"They are sending some men over to England from here in the next couple of weeks but I don't expect I'll be going," my father wrote to my mother from his air base outside Ottawa in 1944, just two months after D-Day.

A mechanic, he lost an eye in Dartmouth, N.S., working on a plane less than a year after enlisting, but refused a medical discharge; he would remain in uniform until two months after Japan surrendered, and he would never leave Canada.

Probably because he never thought he'd really risked his life, my father never joined the Legion or marched in a Remembrance Day parade.

For every veteran in their beret in front of the cenotaphs next Tuesday there will be a few men like my father. As the years pass there will be fewer of both, and ever smaller contingents of men and women who served in Korea, on peacekeeping and UN missions in the Sinai, Somalia, Bosnia or Rwanda, or in Afghanistan.

Remembering will be hard work, but it has to be done, if only as a tribute to the men and women for whom history was anxious and unwritten, motivated by duty, and expecting little more than soldier's pay and the hope that, at least one day a year, the rest of us will commit to the difficult but necessary task of remembering when history was alive.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Views

Blood donations at heart of health care

By DR. BRIAN BERRY

Blood is at the heart of the health care system. Used to treat trauma victims, people battling cancer, and surgical patients, blood and blood products stabilize, improve and save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Canadians every year.

But, like many other precious resources in our world, blood is in limited supply and it continues to dwindle. It is a simple case of supply and demand.

A dramatic drop in Canada's blood inventory in the past eight weeks has elevated an ongoing issue to critical action for all Canadians. Canadian Blood Services normally holds four to six days' worth of all blood types. Last week, that number dropped to just more than two days' worth for some of the most critical blood types.

Dr. Brian Berry

Currently, no surgeries or treatments have been postponed or cancelled. Our hospitals are continually watching their blood supplies and ensuring blood products are used without waste.

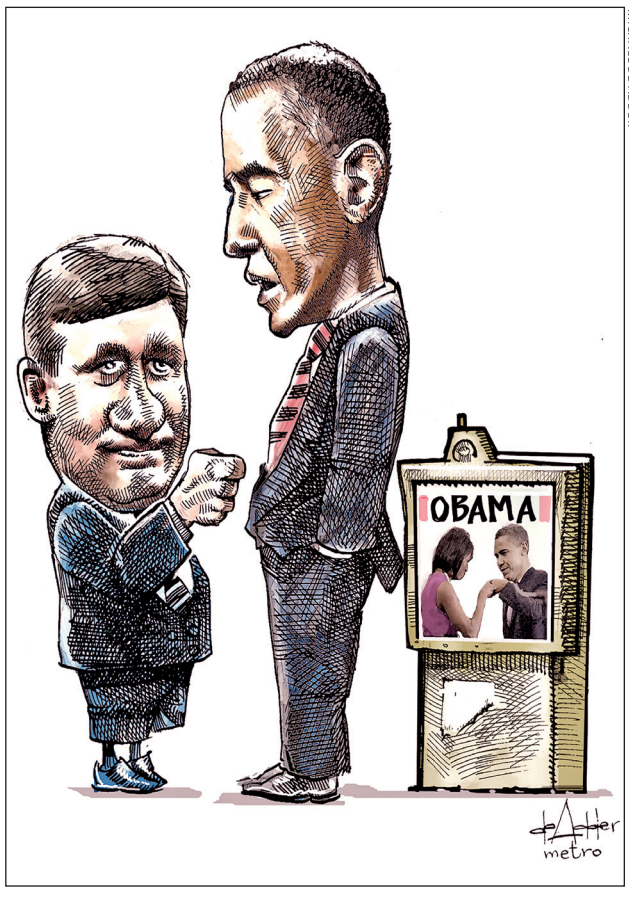
The needs of critical care patients will always be met. However, if the situation does not reverse itself, the needs of less critical patients may have to be delayed. We are preparing for this possibility now as every drop of blood counts toward making a difference in the life of someone who desperately needs it.

Blood is very much at the heart of the health care system. But it's the blood donors who make that heart pump. Without the generosity, selflessness, and caring of voluntary donors, our heart would stop beating.

And while no Canadian will ever go without the blood that they need – thanks to the 400,000 active blood donors who donate at Canadian Blood Services' blood donor clinics across the country – the widening gap of supply versus demand can threaten patient care across Canada.

Please become a blood donor and please continue to donate. Call 1-888-2-DONATE to book an appointment to give blood.

Dr. Brian Berry is chair of B.C. Transfusion Medicine Advisory Group and director of hematopathology for Vancouver Island Health Authority.



MICHAEL DE ADDER

Correction

In Wednesday's edition, columnist Paul Sullivan suggested that Alberta's solicitor general should see what it feels like to be Tasered himself. In fact, Solicitor General Fred Lindsay and RCMP Commissioner William Elliot were voluntarily Tasered by police on May 1st of this year. Metro regrets the error.

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Bailout prudence needed: PM

World leaders should be careful not to overdo their response to the financial crisis even as the global economic outlook worsens by the week, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

Canada's approach to the economic turmoil has contrasted sharply with that of European nations in the lead up to a global summit in Washington next week, with Ottawa advocating prudent regulation and oversight instead of a big overhaul of the world financial system.

"Yes, I think that is a very real concern." Harper told reporters after meeting with economists in Toronto, when asked if there was a risk of the pendulum swinging too far towards too much government action and regulation. He also noted Canada's financial regulations could be used as a model for other nations.

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Olympics Grand plans for broadcast centre

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British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell talks to the media during a ceremony on the roof of the waterfront convention centre in Vancouver yesterday, which will house the international broadcast centre for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Retailers see sales jump

SALES Two of Canada's top retailers reported a jump in third-quarter results yesterday as same-store sales climbed despite the effects of an economic downturn.

Canadian Tire Corp. reported a six per cent boost in profit of $108.6 million, while Shoppers Drug Mart posted a 14.8 per cent jump to $163 million. **REUTERS**

In contrast...

U.S. retail chains posted the worst October sales results in 35 years as consumers cut spending.

Business in brief

ECONOMY Two new reports suggest the Canadian economy is softening, while purchasing activity increased at a more moderate pace. **REUTERS**

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Sports

Dodgers offer big bucks

The Los Angeles Dodgers have reportedly offered free agent Manny Ramirez a deal that would give him the second-highest average salary in the sport behind Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez. The Los Angeles Times reported yesterday that the Dodgers' offer is believed to be for either two years at $50 million or three years for $75 million.
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THE SKINNY: Roberto Luongo recorded his second straight shutout, and Kevin Bieksa's first-period tally stood up as the winner as the Canucks won for the fourth time in their last five outings. Luongo stopped 28 shots for his league-leading fourth goose egg of the season, and his third shutout in his last five starts.

THE ROBBERY: Ilya Bryzgalov absolutely stole Mason Raymond's fifth goal of the season from him with a spectacular glove save on a point blank shot from the slot.

THE DISAPPOINTMENT: With approximately 100 friends and family purchasing tickets to see him play his first pro game in Vancouver, local lad Kyle Turris was a healthy scratch for the second straight game.

THE "OH NO HE DIDN'T": Daniel Sedin had a chance to put this game on ice in the third period, but he somehow missed a yawning cage off the rush. Henrik Sedin provided the "tic," Ryan Kelser the "tac," but Daniel put the "toe" out of play on what would have been a highlight reel goal off the rush.

THE CALENDAR: After recording four shutouts and eight wins in twelve games last November, Luongo is on his way to replicating the feat. With two shutouts and as many wins in three starts this month, Luongo may soon earn the nickname "Mr. November", although he'd probably prefer Mr. May.

THE NEXT GAME: The division-leading Minnesota Wild are in town for a Saturday night tilt at the Garage.

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo grabs the puck as Phoenix captain Shane Doan looks on during the third period of Vancouver's 1-0 win over the Coyotes last night GM Place.

Lions' Hunt gets defensive nod

CFL Aaron Hunt of the Lions earned CFL Defensive Player of the Month honours for October after recording nine tackles and three sacks in five games last month.
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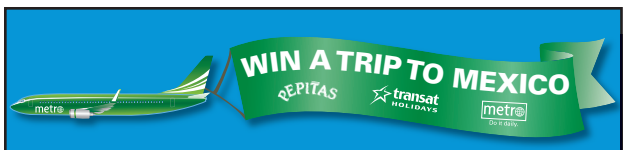

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One more that counts

Lions look to beat Riders in Regina for third time this year

CFL PLAYOFFS

West Semifinal

BC vs SSK

Tomorrow, 1:30 p.m.
TV: TSN

Question marks

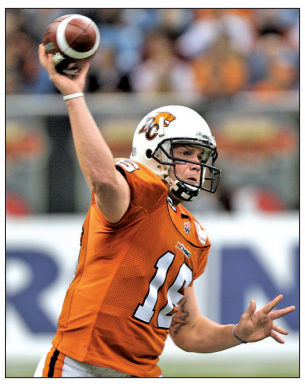
•Having beaten the Roughriders in two out of three meetings this season, can the Lions do it again in front of a rabid Regina gathering? (That last game featured the Lions being pelted by beer cans and debris.)

• Will QB Buck Pierce's sore ankle impede his play and, if it does, is Jarious Jackson ready to step into the breach?

Exclamation points

•Riders' Matt Dominguez will not play; Lions' Jason Clermont should.

• B.C. had 13 players named to the West Division all-star team, seven more than first-place Calgary; Saskatchewan is 7-2 at home; B.C. is 5-4 on the road.


Lions' QB Buck Pierce hopes his ankle holds up.

East Semifinal

EE vs WPG

Tomorrow, 10 a.m.
TV: TSN

Question marks

• Will the Bombers manage to sell out Canad Inns Stadium? If they do, outspoken veteran receiver Milt Stegall says the home team will reward the fans. "Now I'm not a marketing major, I'm not a numbers guy," he says. "But we've got to sell out this game. This is what we're looking for. These fans come out, we're guaranteeing a win."

• Fine, but can they stop the Edmonton aerial attack led by QB Ricky Ray? Ray led the CFL in total passing — 5,661 yards and as he goes, so goes the Esks offence.

Exclamation points

• Winnipeg QB Kevin Glenn has a deep corps of receivers and a one-two punch at running back in Joe Smith and Fred Reid, but he matched his 20 touchdowns thrown with 20 interceptions tossed.

• Edmonton was only 1-2 in its last three games, both losses blowouts; Winnipeg won six of its last eight after starting the season 2-8. Bombers are 5-4 at home; Eskimos 3-6 on the road.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Brodeur has surgery on elbow

NHL New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur, below, had surgery yesterday to repair his torn left biceps near the elbow. "According to the doctors, his surgery was 100 per cent successful," Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello said. "The timetable for his return remains three to four months." Kevin Weekes has replaced Brodeur as the Devils' No. 1 goaltender.

Broncos comeback beats Browns

NFL Jay Cutler passed for 447 yards and three touchdowns, outdueling an effective Brady Quinn in his first NFL start, as Denver beat Cleveland 34-30 last night after scoring 21 fourth-quarter points.

Eddie Royal caught six passes for 164 yards, including a 93-yard score in the fourth quarter, while Brandon Marshall hauled in six passes for 89 yards and a score for Denver (5-4). METRO NEWS SERVICES

Blue Jays interested in Milton Bradley?

YorkReport

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He has a personal policy of never smiling during games. He once was suspended for spitting gum at an umpire.

He has, without explaining his reasons, gone for weeks at a time without speaking to his teammates. He is, in no uncertain terms, a brat.

But Milton Bradley is a brat with a bat, a pretty productive bat, and there's a good chance it'll be in the heart of the Blue Jays' order next season.

Sources tell Metro that Canada's MLB franchise has decided to diligently pursue Bradley as a free agent.

"We need offensive help," a front-office source with the Jays confirmed, "and Bradley won't be nearly as expensive as Manny Ramirez or Mark Texeira (other big-name batters on the free-agent market). Obviously, we know Bradley's reputation. We know what he's like. He plays angry, for whatever reason. But we think the pros outweigh the cons with him. Just look at his stats."

Bradley, 30, has been with five major-league teams since starting his big-league career with the Montreal Expos in 2000.

He has a .280 career average and 103 home runs in 2,832 at-bats. Last year, with the Texas Rangers, he hit a career-high .327, with 22 homers.

The Jays will have at least one significant challenger for Bradley's services.

Bradley hit a career-high .327 last season.

The AL champion Tampa Bay Rays also are making plans to go after him.

• Quick questions:

– Doesn't new Raptors' play-by-play guy Matt Devlin sound a lot like TSN's Rod Black?

– Is there any question any more that Eli Manning has become a better quarterback than Peyton Manning?

– Has Bill Belichick lost it?

– Is the CFL really fooling you when it insists that tomorrow's Winnipeg-Edmonton game is an *Eastern* playoff?

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Daniel Craig returns to the role of superspy James Bond in Quantum Of Solace. His portrayal is said to be closer to writer Ian Fleming's idea of the hero than any other actor who's played the iconic character.

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Leading men deliver the laughs in Role Models.

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Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Craig's Bond is a 'soldier,' not into nice

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

Onscreen, Daniel Craig's James Bond is laconic, a coiled spring of potentially lethal energy with an almost lizard-like appraising gaze that's closer to writer Ian Fleming's idea of his hero than any actor who's every played the role.

In person, he's chatty and anxious, frequently apologizing for coming up with answers on the fly, and unwilling to offer himself as any kind of authority on Bond outside of his own incarnation of the role.

After the successful relaunch of the series with Casino Royale, we catch up with Craig's Bond at the start of the new film, Quantum Of Solace, mere minutes after the last film ended. Craig admits that he hasn't any idea of where, or when, he'll be taking Bond in any further film, but that a sequel to Casino Royale felt inevitable.

"The idea of doing a sequel only happened when

Movie **feature**

we seemed to have unfinished business," Craig recalls. "He'd fallen in love and had his heart broken and been betrayed, which was the big message we were trying to put across in Casino Royale.

"Being betrayed had thrown him — this is a man who never loses at cards, never loses at love, never loses at anything."

Craig's Bond is often described as a more elemental Bond than any of his predecessors, free of the self-satire of Roger Moore or Pierce Brosnan's over-refined 007, and even more brutal than Sean Connery's original. He reluctantly agrees, but insists that it has to be taken in context.

"I know they're saying he's much tougher and has a much harder edge, but I haven't done anything to modernize the character. If anything, I've tried to cling to the past," he said. "I want him to remain misogynistic, because I love the debate between him and (Judi Dench's) M there. Because M is the balance; he's the one that's behaving badly as a man and she's the one slapping him down, and I like that balance.

"And I also like that being put against stronger women characters is a much more interesting dynamic. That there is something archaic about him. He's a soldier, and there is something that being trained as a soldier instills in a human being, and it's not being nice."

Daniel Craig

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Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

Director: Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath
Stars: Ben Stiller, Chris Rock
Classification: G
Rating: ½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW If it ain't broke, don't fix it. It's an overused adage, but it applies to Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa.After all, since the original raked in $530 million US worldwide, there was no doubt we would see a sequel. But who knew it would be more bloated than its predecessor's box-office take?

Set shortly after the first movie's conclusion, Alex the lion (Ben Stiller), Marty the zebra (Chris Rock) and the rest of the Manhattan-raised crew of animals are marooned in Madagascar.

After barely fixing a battered plane to return home, the group crash lands in an African wildlife reserve. There, each of the main characters set out on their own brief journey of discovery. Madagascar 2 isn't without its improvements: It has plenty of jokes and inside-gags for the adults.

But of course, the story is what really counts, and Madagascar 2 tells too many tales. With no less than 13 central characters, the movie has a lot to accomplish in just 89 minutes.

Also in theatres

- Opening this week is the comedy **Soul Men**. There are no pre-screenings of the movie, but visit metronews.ca/movies on Sunday — and read Monday's edition of Metro — for a review.

Movies

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Role Models packs laughs

Role Models
Director: David Wain
Stars: Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

Seann William Scott, left, and Paul Rudd are Role Models?

Without its leading men — using the term loosely in this case — Role Models would be just another instalment in the sub-Apatow genre, which is to say a comedy based on character and dialogue and the odd kick in the nuts.

Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott play best friends edging into their thirties who've reacted to the creeping milestone by either lapsing into growing despair (Rudd's Danny) or clinging to a value system forged during a particularly successful spring break (Scott's Wheeler).

They get jolted out of their ruts when they're given a choice between jail and community service in a Big Brother-type mentoring program, after totaling their company truck during an outburst brought on by a breakup and too many energy drinks.

Both actors have reliable personas that do most of the heavy lifting for them; Rudd brings to mind the first serious boyfriend most women have — the one who hated all her friends and quietly resented that she made more money.

No matter what Scott accomplishes in his career, he'll probably always be known for playing Stifler in the American Pie movies, a character of iconic importance for a generation that has grown from student to first-time homeowner since he first embodied the role, which for this anxious cohort has a status that earlier generations once reserved for Rhett Butler or Rick from Casablanca.

The head of the program takes a wise dislike to Danny and Wheeler, and sticks them with the dregs of her client list — a gratingly gawky nerd obsessed with fantasy role play (Christopher Mintz-Plasse who played McLovin in Superbad), and an aggressively charmless little boy with a vocabulary shaped by gangster rap and Def Comedy Jam (Bobb'e J. Thompson).

At first, jail looks like a preferable option, but the two men inevitably discover something resembling a paternal instinct, but not before getting off a string of gags that got the film an R rating in the U.S.

Rudd and Scott are simply the best parts of a great cast that delivers a barrage of laughs, the highlight of which is probably the most perfect explanation of KISS ever committed to film.

The ending is inevitably uplifting and sweet, though it's easily overlooked as a mere formality at the end of a comedy that relentlessly capitalizes on the brute fact that most people are annoying jerks.

Real Time not much of a nail-biter

Real Time
Director: Randall Cole
Stars: Jay Baruchel, Randy Quaid
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Jay Baruchel, left, and Randy Quaid star in Real Time.

Having recently starred in two other intimate Canuck flicks — Just Buried and Fetching Cody — Judd Apatow regular Jay Baruchel (Knocked Up) yet again returns from Tinseltown to play a young gambler hijacked by Reuben (Randy Quaid), a hitman ordered to kill the unlucky debtor in Real Time.

With an hour to live, Andy is given the opportunity to spend it any way he wants by his would-be killer. Unable to decide, the pair waste it driving from a hooker's alley to a fast-food joint before stopping by grandma's bungalow to say hello. All the while, Reuben waxes poetic about taking advantage of life.

Written and directed by Randall Cole (19 Months), Real Time does have some fun dialogue and moments of inspired acting, although Quaid's mysterious accent was less than convincing; it seems to change.

Further, since most of the story unfolds between two unflattering dudes driving around Hamilton — well, it's not exacting nail-biting drama. In fact, what truly motivates the generous hitman remains unresolved; although a thoughtful twist at the end helps redeem the film's slow boil.

While Baruchel puts in a respectable showing, it's not clear whether he's built up a big enough fan base yet to carry this movie. One thing is certain: the Randy Quaid Fan Club certainly won't be filling the seats on this one.

Sony has Soul Power

Sony Pictures Classics has acquired North American rights to the R&B star-filled rockumentary Soul Power, featuring performances by James Brown, B.B. and others at the historic Zaire '74 concert in Africa. REUTERS

Reel Time

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Adding star power one voice at a time

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Would you spend money to see an animated movie starring Nicole Jaffe and Henry Corden? Probably not, because you've never heard of either of them.

Oh, but you've heard them.

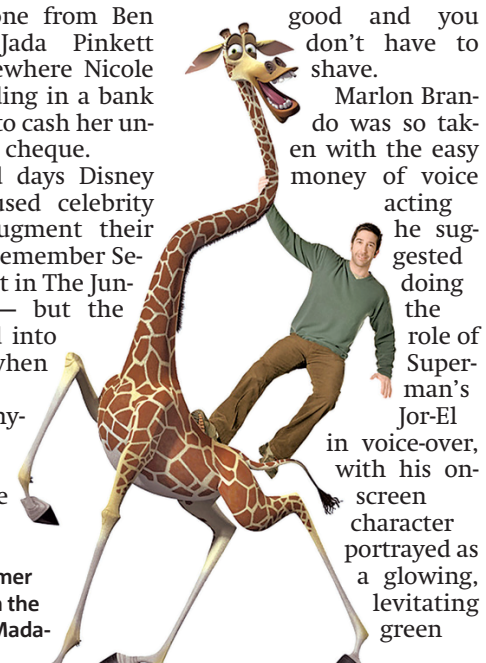
Jaffe voiced Velma on Scooby Doo while Corden vocalized for Fred Flintstone. Their voices are familiar, but not well-known enough for the producers of big budget cartoons like Madagascar Escape 2 Africa, opening in theatres this weekend.

"If they were doing a half-hour Flintstone show today, they'd still go with me," said Corden in 1999, "but for a motion picture, even an animated one, they'd go with a celebrity to play Fred, because they need to sell the picture."

Big name actors who made their bones in live action have become the norm in modern animation.

Madagascar redux features everyone from Ben Stiller to Jada Pinkett Smith. Somewhere Nicole Jaffe is standing in a bank line waiting to cash her unemployment cheque.

In the old days Disney frequently used celebrity voices to augment their cartoons — remember Sebastian Cabot in The Jungle Book? — but the trend kicked into overdrive when Robin Williams's hyperkinetic jabbering stole the show in Aladdin.



David Schwimmer voices Melman the Giraffe in the Madagascar sequal.

It was a tour de force performance and Williams's star power helped push the box office past $200,000,000, an animated film first.

Marquee actors like voice work for the same reason I like doing my radio show — the hours are good and you don't have to shave.

Marlon Brando was so taken with the easy money of voice acting he suggested doing the role of Superman's Jor-El in voice-over, with his on-screen character portrayed as a glowing, levitating green bagel. That one didn't pan out but he took further audio-only roles including his final gig performing an old lady voice in the unreleased Big Bug Man.

Other star turns haven't been so ignoble. Jeremy Irons was positively Shakespearian as The Lion King's Scar and Orson Welles thrilled a generation of tweens as the voice of planet-gobbler Unicron in Transformers: The Movie.

But too often the big names offer little other than recognizable voices, and that can work against the part they're playing.

Can you hear James Earl Jones as Mufasa without thinking of Darth Vader? Me neither.

It boils down to bucks — David Schwimmer's Melman the Giraffe will put more bums in seats than Henry Corden. It's not about talent, it's about money. "I hate it but I understand it," Corden said.

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.

Synecdoche gets lost

Synecdoche, New York

Director: Charlie Kaufman
Stars: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada

In Synecdoche, New York, screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind), whose specialty is abstract absurdism, makes his directing debut trying to blur the line between art and life.

He blurs more than he clarifies, but the picture is still a fascinating failure.

Playwright Caden Cotard (Philip Seymour Hoffman) works for a regional theatre company in Schenectady, N.Y. Meanwhile, his marriage to Adele (Catherine Keener) is falling apart — simultaneous to his production of Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman.

In response to the heated crisis on the home front, Cotard mounts an epic theatrical construct — a synecdoche of his life — where every character and place he conceives symbolizes his entire being.

For the first half-hour, Kaufman comically captures the psychological crackup of those obsessed artists who fear that if their art isn't going smoothly then their life must also be heading for the gutter.

But when Caden attempts to resolve his neurosis through this burgeoning dramatic construct — where city blocks seem to contain every facet of his life — Kaufman's idea quickly runs out of steam.

Initially the performers, Hoffman, Keener, Sadie Goldstein (as their precocious daughter, Olive), and Samantha Morton (as one of his lovers) help anchor the story by illuminating how life's follies can't be easily controlled or resolved.

But we get lost in the narrative labyrinth. Synecdoche, New York inevitably swallows its own tail.

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The Secret Life of Bees (PG) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:15-7:25-9:40 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:15-9:40
Tell No One (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:55-9:35

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) DTS Digital Fri DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:55-4:35 DTS Digital Mon-Thu
The Dark Knight (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 8 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:35-4:45-8 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 8
The Duchess (14A) DTS Digital Fri 7:10-9:35 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:50-4:15-7:10-9:35 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 7:10-9:35
Eagle Eye (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:40-4:25-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7-9:30
I.O.U.S.A. (G) DTS Digital Fri 6:55 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 2:05-4:40-6:55 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 6:55
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 2-4:20-**6:45-9 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 6:45-9**
The Other End of the Line (G) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 6:50-9:10
Patti Smith: Dream of Life (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 9:05
Religulous (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:05-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:05-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7:05-9:20

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30
Tropic Thunder (18A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 3:20-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Casino Royale (14A) Thu 9:30
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon 6:45-9:15 Tue 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:15
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) No Passes Fri 6:55-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:10-4:30-6:55-9:10 No Passes Mon 6:55-9:10 No Passes Tue 2:10-4:30-6:55-9:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:55-9:10
Quantum of Solace (14A) Thu 12
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-7-9:30 Mon 7-9:30 Tue 1:50-4:20-7-9:30 Wed 7-9:30 Thu 7

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456

Blithe Spirit (STC) Fri 9:15 Sun 7:30
Brief Encounters (STC) Fri 7:30 Sat 9:15
Doc Soup (STC) Thu 7:30
Films of Sobhi al-Zobaidi (STC) Wed 7:30
The Passionate Friends (STC) Fri 7:30 Sun 9:20

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG) A.M. Sun 10
I've loved you so long (G) Fri 4-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:30

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-7-9 Mon-Tue 7-9 Wed-Thu 7
The Harvest Project (STC) A.M. Sun 10
Nights in Rodanthe (PG) Wed 1
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG) Fri-Thu 4

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:40-7:40-10:30 Thu 12:40-3:40-10:30
Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 12:30-3:10-6:40-9:20 Sat 3:10-6:40-9:20 Sun-Tue 12:30-3:10-6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:10-9:20
Changeling (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:20-7:10-10:20
Forever Faithful (STC) Mon 7
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:30 No Passes Mon 12:50-3:50-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:30
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:30-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic (STC) Sat 10
Role Models (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7-9:40
Saw V (18A) Fri 1:30-4:10-7:20-10 Sat 4:10-7:20-10 Sun 1:30-4:10-7:20-10 Mon 1:30-4:10-10 Tue-Wed 1:30-4:10-7:20-10 Thu 1:30-4:10-10
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:10

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799, cinemark.com

Happy-Go-Lucky (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:05-9:50
Heaven on Earth (STC) No Passes Fri 2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30 No Passes Sat 12:10-2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30
Let the Right One In (14A) No Passes Fri 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20 No Passes Sat 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20 No Passes Sun-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20
Max Payne (14A) No Passes Fri 4:25-9:45 No Passes Sat 11-4:25-9:45 No Passes Sun 4:25-9:45 No Passes Mon-Tue 2-4:25-7:20-9:45 No Passes Wed 4:25-7:20-9:45 No Passes Thu 2-4:25-7:20-9:45
Passchendaele (14A) No Passes Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-10 No Passes Sat 11:25-2:05-4:45-7:25-10 No Passes Sun-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:25-10
Rachel Getting Married (PG) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sat 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55
Real Time (STC) No Passes Fri 1:15-3:25-5:30-7:35-9:40 No Passes Sat 11:10-1:15-3:25-5:30-7:35-9:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:15-3:25-5:30-7:35-9:40
RocknRolla (14A) No Passes Fri 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25 No Passes Sat 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25 No Passes Sun-Thu 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25
The Secret Life of Bees (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-7 Mon-Thu 1:20-3:55-7-9:30
Soul Men (STC) No Passes Fri 2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05 No Passes Sat 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05 No Passes Sun-Thu 2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05
Vancouver Asian Film Festival (STC) No Passes Fri 2:30-5-7-9:30 No Passes Sat 11-1:15-3:30-7-9:30 No Passes Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30
W. (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
What Just Happened? (14A) No Passes Fri 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35 No Passes Sat 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35 No Passes Sun-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35

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1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film

Surfwise (STC) Fri 9:15 Sat 7 Sun 9:15 Mon 7 Tue 9:15 Wed 7
Youssou N'Dour: Return to Gorée (STC) Fri 7 Sat 8:45 Sun 7 Mon 8:45 Tue 7 Wed 8:45

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
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Changeling (14A) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 4-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40
Body of Lies (18A) Fri 6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:25
Eagle Eye (PG) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:45-9:20 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:45-9:20 Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:45-9:20
Quantum of Solace (14A) Thu 12
Rachel Getting Married (PG) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40
RocknRolla (14A) Fri 7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:55
W. (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:50

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333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Changeling (14A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:30 Mon 6:30-9:30 Tue 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:30
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) No Passes Fri 6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-12:30-2:20-2:50-4:30-5-6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40 No Passes Mon 6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40 No Passes Tue 12-12:30-2:20-2:50-4:30-5-6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic (STC) Sat 10
Passchendaele (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat 3-6:50-9:25 Sun 12:20-3-6:50-9:25 Mon 6:50-9:25 Tue 12:20-3-6:50-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:25
Role Models (14A) No Passes Fri 6:55-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:55-9:50 No Passes Mon 6:55-9:50 No Passes Tue 12:50-3:30-6:55-9:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:55-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri 7-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:10-7-9:55 Mon 7-9:55 Tue 12:40-3:10-7-9:55 Wed 9:55 Thu 7-9:55

RICHMOND

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6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Eagle Eye (PG) Fri 4:35-7:15-9:50 Sat 12:35-4:35-7:15-9:50 Sun 12:35-4:35-7:15 Mon 4:35-7:15-9:50 Tue 12:35-4:35-7:15 Wed-Thu 4:35-7:15
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) No Passes Fri 4:30-7-9:35 No Passes Sat 12:45-4:30-7-9:35 No Passes Sun 12:45-4:30-7 No Passes Mon 4:30-7-9:35 No Passes Tue 12:45-4:30-7 No Passes Wed-Thu 4:30-7
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) No Passes Fri 4:55-7:10-9:30 No Passes Sat 12:30-2:40-4:55-7:10-9:30 No Passes Sun 12:30-2:40-4:55-7:10 No Passes Mon 4:55-7:10-9:30 No Passes Tue 12:30-2:40-4:55-7:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 4:55-7:10
Role Models (14A) No Passes Fri 4:40-7:05-9:40 No Passes Sat 12:40-4:40-7:05-9:40 No Passes Sun 12:40-4:40-7:05 No Passes Mon 4:40-7:05-9:40 No Passes Tue 12:40-4:40-7:05 No Passes Wed-Thu 4:40-7:05
Saw V (18A) Fri 4:50-7:25-9:50 Sat 12:55-4:50-7:25-9:50 Sun 12:55-4:50-7:25 Mon 4:50-7:25-9:50 Tue 12:55-4:50-7:25 Wed-Thu 4:50-7:25
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri 4:45-7:20-9:45 Sat 12:50-4:45-7:20-9:45 Sun 12:50-4:45-7:20 Mon 4:45-7:20-9:45 Tue 12:50-4:45-7:20 Wed-Thu 4:45-7:20

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14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:15-7:40-10:05
Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:15-7:15-10:20
Changeling (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:50-7:10-10:25
Forever Faithful (STC) Mon 7
Golmaal Returns (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30
The Haunting of Molly Hartley (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-5-7:55-10:40
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:10
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4-6:20-8:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The IMAX Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:20
Max Payne (14A) Fri-Thu 7:25-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic (STC) Sat 10
Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Wed 12:55-4:10-7:35-10:30 Thu 1-4:10-7:35-10:30
Pride and Glory (18A) Fri 1:10-4:05-7:05-10 Sat 4:05-7:05-10 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:05-10
Quarantine (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
RocknRolla (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:50-9:50
Role Models (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:40-4:35-7:20-10 No Passes Thu 4:35-7:20-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Saw V (18A) Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:50-10:35 Mon 2-4:45-7:15-10:35 Tue-Thu 2-4:45-7:50-10:35
The Secret Life of Bees (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:55-9:35 Mon 12:50-3:40-9:35 Tue-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:55-9:35
Soul Men (STC) Fri-Wed 1:25-4:20-7-9:45 Thu 4:20-7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
W. (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:45-9:40
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:40-7:45-10:15

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Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-7:05-10:10 Wed 12:40-3:40-10:10 Thu 12:40-3:40-7:05-10:10
Changeling (14A) Fri-Thu 12-3:10-6:40-9:50
Eagle Eye (PG) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:20 Sat 4:10-7:20-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:20
The Haunting of Molly Hartley (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:25-10:05
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:15-10
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:55-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-7-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic (STC) Sat 10
Role Models (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:50-10:25
Saw V (18A) Fri-Wed 1:05-4:05-7:10-10:15 Thu 1:05-4:05-10:15
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7:35-10:30

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri 4:50-7:30-10:05 Sat 1:55-4:50-7:30-10:05 Sun 1:55-4:50-7:30 Mon 4:50-7:30-10:05 Tue 1:55-4:50-7:30 Wed-Thu 4:50-7:30
City of Ember (PG) Fri 4:40-7:05-9:55 Sat 1:45-4:40-7:05-9:55 Sun 1:45-4:40-7:05 Mon 4:40-7:05-9:55 Tue 1:45-4:40-7:05 Wed-Thu 4:40-7:05
Max Payne (14A) Fri 4:35-7:15-10:10 Sat 2:10-4:35-7:15-10:10 Sun 2:10-4:35-7:15 Mon 4:35-7:15-10:10 Tue 2:10-4:35-7:15 Wed-Thu 4:35-7:15
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) Fri 4:55-7:10:15 Sat 1:50-4:55-7:10:15 Sun 1:50-4:55-7 Mon 4:55-7:10:15 Tue 1:50-4:55-7 Wed-Thu 4:55-7
Passchendaele (14A) Fri 4:45-7:20-10 Sat 2-4:45-7:20-10 Sun 2-4:45-7:20 Mon 4:45-7:20-10 Tue 2-4:45-7:20 Wed-Thu 4:45-7:20
RocknRolla (14A) Fri 5-7:25-9:45 Sat 2:05-5-7:25-9:45 Sun 2:05-5-7:25 Mon 5-7:25-9:45 Tue 2:05-5-7:25 Wed-Thu 5-7:25
W. (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:50 Sat 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:10 Mon 4:30-7:10-9:50 Tue 1:40-4:30-7:10 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:10

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

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170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:05-9:35
Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:05
Changeling (14A) Fri-Mon 12-3:20-6:35-9:50 Tue 4:05-7:20-10:30 Wed-Thu 12-3:20-6:35-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1
Eagle Eye (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:25
Forever Faithful (STC) Mon 7
The Haunting of Molly Hartley (14A) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:55-7:55-10:15
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:45-9:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:15-10
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) No Passes Fri 11:50-12:20-1:40-2:10-2:40-4-4:30-5-6:30-7-7:30-9-9:30-10 No Passes Sat-Tue 11:20-11:50-12:20-1:40-2:10-2:40-4-4:30-5-6:30-7-7:30-9-9:30-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:50-12:20-1:40-2:10-2:40-4-4:30-5-6:30-7-7:30-9-9:30-10
Max Payne (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:20 Mon 1:50-4:50-10:20 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic (STC) Sat 10
Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-6:25-9:10
Pride and Glory (18A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15
RocknRolla (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:05
Role Models (14A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:40 No Passes Tue 3:55-6:55-9:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Tue 1
Saw V (18A) Fri-Thu 2-5:05-8-10:30
The Secret Life of Bees (PG) Fri 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:25 Sat 3:40-6:50-9:25 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:25
W. (PG) Fri-Thu 9:55
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:25

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 7-8:45 Sat 1:30-3:30-7-8:45 Sun 1:30-3:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

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7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:20
The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 4
Eagle Eye (PG) Fri 6:45-9:10 Sat-Tue 2:15-6:45-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:10
Igor (G) Sat-Tue 12-2
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri 4 Sat-Tue 12-4 Wed-Thu 4
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 4:30 Sat-Tue 12-4:30 Wed-Thu 4:30
Mera Pind (G) Fri-Thu 7:30
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) Fri 5:45 Sat-Tue 2-5:45 Wed-Thu 5:45
Quarantine (14A) Fri-Mon 10:30

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The bestselling albums at Amazon.ca
1. Black Ice, AC/DC; **2.** A Winter Symphony, Sarah Brightman, left; **3.** Above the Ground, Burton Cummings; **4.** Twilight soundtrack, Various Artists; **5.** Funhouse, Pink. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Crash Parallel tackles the issues

Ontario rockers put focus on telling stories that matter

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Tough times don't always call for desperate songs.

Just ask Crash Parallel's singer Tim Edwards, who's more inclined to sing about issues like global warming through Coldplay-esque pop-rock than the urgency of punk.

"We're a little more laid back than bands you mentioned (Against Me! and Race Against the Machine)," he said. "People who get angry and play songs and show emotion that way — I get that, but we're more about telling stories."

Crash Parallel tackles issues like acid rain and mental illness through mellow rockers like World We Know and Casualties of War. The tunes don't carry the insistence of the band's alt-rock role models Pearl Jam, instead working from a personal perspective.

"It wasn't an intentional thing (to become an 'issue band')," said Edwards. "One of the first songs we released — World We Know — had a lot to do with social issues, and people jumped on that aspect of it … My songs are really about personal stories."

Touching on heavy issues can invite discussions about those problems with fans, media outlets and non-governmental organizations alike. For example, while preparing to play MTV Live, Crash Parallel met representatives from Free the Children, an organization that encourages youth get involved in social issues. After chatting about their mutual interests, the band decided to perform during the national Me To We Day.

But Edwards argues "big picture" stuff doesn't counteract the band's self-definition as a bunch of friends from Mississauga, Ont. When forming the band, he and guitarist Danny Saitua contacted drummer John Pubblio Vitellaro, a high school friend who was married with a young child. The pair were thrilled Vitellaro replied in 24 hours with news he'd join the band — a show of support that probably helps when one is questioned about lyrical substance.

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"It scared the crap out of me the first time someone asked about (political issues)," said Edwards. "I was scared at first, but then you realize that you're speaking from your own perspective, and that you don't have all the answers."

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Crash Parallel open for David Usher at the Commodore tonight.

Will Barack Obama rock or pop in the White House?

SoundCheck

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After 21 long months of campaigning, spin-doctoring and mudslinging, the American election is finally over. Between now and inauguration day, Barack Obama will get the nuclear codes, be briefed on the status of the frozen alien bodies at Area 51 and choose a White House puppy for Michelle and the kids. Meanwhile, we'll have to train our spellcheckers to stop underlining "Barack Obama" in a red squiggly line.

Why anyone would actually want to be president is beyond me, especially given the issues America faces these days. The new POTUS certainly has his challenges.

My interest, of course, is what effect the new administration will have on music. I know that sounds crazy, but hear me out.

Beginning in the years after Watergate, there has been a correlation between the party in power and the power struggle between pop and rock. When a Republican occupies the White House, young people tend to rebel against the policies of the administration, resulting in resurgence in rock. Punk exploded after the disgrace of Nixon while disco arrived almost simultaneously with Jimmy Carter. American hardcore took root during Reagan, setting the stage for grunge and Gen X's Alternative Nation that emerged during George H's time in power.

But when the Clintons changed the drapes in the '90s — and with the end of the first Gulf War and a brutal recession — the world went crazy for pop: 'N Sync, Britney, Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls.

Sept. 11 came with its own musical effects. With America under attack and patriotism on the rise, Mom-and-apple pie country music and comfort food classic rock were ascendant. But by the time we got to W's second term, the public's mood had turned ugly and Green Day started selling millions of copies of American Idiot.

So does a President Obama mean that pop music will make a comeback as it has when the Democrats were in charge? Or, as Def Jam founder and producer Russell Simmons believes, will the Hip-Hop Nation take over? Could Obama's Kenyan heritage result in an up tick in interest for African rhythms and world music? Not necessarily. There's Iraq, Afghanistan and a badly wounded economy. A lot of stuff needs to be cleaned up before America feels well enough to dance like it did in 1999.

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Sheen slaps back at lap dance report
Charlie Sheen has slammed a Star magazine report alleging the star's marriage to pregnant Brooke Mueller is in trouble, blasting claims he indulged in lap dances at a Las Vegas strip club as "inaccurate." **IMDB.COM**

Television

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Early Christmas shopping

Retailers are rolling out their Christmas promotions early this year amid reports that consumer confidence has plummeted to an all-time low.

2 Celeb marathons

This latest trend in celebrity fitness has stars like Jennifer Lopez, Katie Holmes and Matt Damon pounding the pavement for marathons and triathlons. Recently, Ryan Reynolds ran the New York City Marathon to raise money for the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

3 Kate's cover

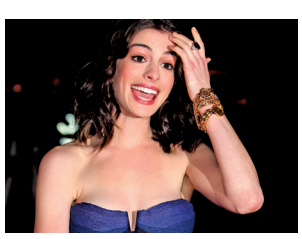
Actress and five-time Oscar nominee Kate Winslet bares all for the latest issue of Vanity Fair. Despite claims the revealing photos were airbrushed, Winslet's rep insists only standard skin-tone retouching occurred.

4 Musical tributes for Obama

Will.i.am has released a new song in honour of Barack Obama being named president. The rapper and Black Eyed Peas member spent Election Day editing the new track, called It's A New Day. Rapper Nas also developed a new song to commemorate Obama's victory.

5 Get Smart movie release

Get smart and watch this comedic caper featuring Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway. Carell, who stars as agent Maxwell Smart, is currently in negotiations to star in a sequel to the movie.



6 A Pearl that flips

Research in Motion, and Rogers Wireless announced this week the new BlackBerry Pearl Flip is available in stores. This phone's slim and compact design will surely have tech-lovers flipping out.

7 Bruno on the loose

Sacha Baron Cohen's famous fashion persona, Bruno, has been making outrageous appearances around the world. Most recently, Bruno was filmed causing a ruckus at an Los Angeles Proposition 8 rally. The sightings have been linked to a Bruno film scheduled to hit theatres May 15, 2009.

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DeGeneres devestated

UNIONS Ellen DeGeneres is devastated with the passing of a ban on same-sex marriage in California, calling the amendment a "giant step" backward for the United States, imdb.com reports.

Just over 52 per cent of those who voted on Proposition 8 opposed Ma's Supreme Court ruling, which legalized same-sex unions in the state.

And the openly gay talk-show host, who took advantage of the May ruling to marry her longtime partner Portia de Rossi in August, insists she is "saddened beyond belief" only unions between heterosexual couples will be recognized in California.

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Aniston to stay on at 30 Rock? Maybe

TV Jennifer Aniston's guest spot on hit comedy 30 Rock could turn into a regular role, if castmembers on the show have their way, imdb.com reports.

The actress plays a woman who stalks TV executive Jack Donaghy, played by Alec Baldwin, in an upcoming episode, and the former Friends star wowed cast and crew so much, bosses at network NBC are considering asking her to return for more episodes.

Jennifer Aniston

Regular cast member Jane Krakowski tells Ok! magazine, "We'd love to have her."

Sources claim Aniston is keen for a return to the small screen, four years after Friends ended its 10-year run.

"For Jen, it's about finding the right part, the right cast and the right fit," a source said.

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Fox to play paralyzed character

Actor Michael J. Fox, semi-retired from show business due to Parkinson's Disease, said it was ironic that his latest television role was playing a paralyzed man in a wheelchair.

Fox, 47, will appear in four episodes of the fire-fighting drama Rescue Me early next year — his first prime-time TV role since 2006.

"The funny part is me playing a paralyzed guy because I am the opposite of paralyzed. It's tricky just to even be still," Fox told Entertainment Tonight in an interview airing Wednesday.

Fox, best known for starring in the Back to the Future movies in the 1980s, bowed out of full time acting in 2000. He said he wanted to spend his time trying to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease, a disorder of the central nervous system that is characterized by tremors.

He described his character in Rescue Me as "really dark and misanthropic. He's bitter and nasty. It's really fun," the actor said.

In reality, Fox said his outlook was anything but bitter, saying he has been writing a book about optimism and hope, called Always Looking Up — The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist, which is due to be published in early 2009.

"It's about the way that a certain level of acceptance that helps you get through life... Then I get to finish it off by playing this dark little nasty guy who is embittered by his disability. I could easily have been that guy, were things to happen differently in my life."

Fox said he was feeling "pretty good all things considered."

"If you're never down you'll never know how good it feels to be up. It's a great ride and I wouldn't change a thing. I love my life for whatever difficulties there are," he said.

REUTERS

MICHAEL BUCKNER / GETTY IMAGES
Michael J. Fox

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Hough back on her feet
Country singer and Dancing With the Stars contender Julianne Hough is back on her feet and feeling "phenomenal" after undergoing surgery for endometriosis. IMDB.COM

Television

Vampire drama signalling HBO resurgence?

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THAT'S A LOT OF GOTHS AND ANNE RICE FANS: After a slow start, HBO's Sexy! Fresh! Young! vampire drama True Blood has been picking up steam. According to a story in Broadcasting & Cable magazine, the most recent episode drew 2.35 million live viewers, which when aggregated with replays, delayed viewers and their DVRs, as well as HBO On Demand customers, comes to a whopping 6.4 million viewers – a big improvement from the scant 1.44 million live viewers who tuned into the season premiere.

So – a promising upturn in HBO's sagging fortunes, or have the kids with the white pancake makeup and kohl around their eyes become managers at the comic store and started splurging on deluxe cable and TiVos? Only time will tell.

PLEASE DON'T GIVE THE CRTC ANY IDEAS: Little House On The Prairie, the NBC show based on the Laura Ingalls Wilder books that ran for over a decade in the '70s and '80s, is a hit in syndication in Finland, according to a Reuters story. Having lived through the show's prime-time run, that would mean that there are a lot of little girls in Helsinki with a fondness for gingham and an abiding misconception that there were rolling hills and mountains in the near distance on the Minnesota prairie.

It's apparently common practice for Finnish authorities to charge 2 euros (about $3) for every minute of footage they have to watch to rate a show's age limit. NBC Universal considered this extortionate, considering the length of the show's run, and decided to forego official vetting, which meant that the show's DVD box sets are sold with a sticker stating that they're banned for viewers under 18 – who can watch it every Sunday morning on the state-run broadcaster.

"OBI-WAN, YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE": It took 25 HD cameras set up in a ring around CNN correspondent Jessica Yellin and twenty computers to crunch the data necessary to generate that lame hologram thing they did on election night. All so college kids could put bagels over their ears and make Princess Leia jokes before trashing the McCain/Palin signs outside that frat down the street.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

FRIDAY 11/7/08

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who (N) (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Insider	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N)		Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Supernanny "Manley Family"		Without a Trace (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Life (CC)		NCIS "Chimera" (CC)		NUMB3RS "Magic Show" (N)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Robson Arms	TMZ (N) (CC)	Wife Swap (N) (CC)		Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N)		Stargate SG-1 "The Quest"		News (CC)
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Secret Life of American Teen		Crusoe "Hour 5 - High Water"		Lipstick Jungle (N) (CC)		EP Daily
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game (N)	America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		NCIS "Chimera" (CC)		NUMB3RS "Magic Show" (N)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N)		Crusoe "Hour 5 - High Water"		Lipstick Jungle (N) (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap (N) (CC)		Supernanny "Manley Family"		20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N)		News (N)	Auto Show	Family Guy
family sports news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
	407	419	22	RSP	FSN Pro Football Preview		Hockey	World Sport	Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off the Record	World Extreme Cagefighting (Taped) (CC)				SportsCentre
	552	543	25	YTV	Yours, Mine and Ours ★★★ (1968) Lucille Ball. Premiere.				Smallville "Action" (CC)		Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	Father	Chicken	Life's a Zoo
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	Emily of New Moon "Away"		The Royal "Stolen Dreams"		Dalziel and Pascoe (N) (CC)		My Architect ★★★ (2003) Sue Ann Kahn.		
	575	583	20	CMT	Karaoke Star "Winnipeg, MB"		Blue Rodeo: Small Miracles		Pushing Tin ★★ (1999, Comedy-Drama) John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton.				
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		Criminal Minds "P911" (CC)		CSI: Miami "Dangerous Son"		CSI: Miami "Cyber-lebrity"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	Say Yes to the Dress (CC)		What Not to Wear "Michelle"		Say Yes to the Dress (CC)		Real Simple. Real Life		What Not to
	616	522	39	SHO	The Best Years "Cruising"		The Guard (CC)		Cock'd Gunns	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) Last Holiday ★★ (CC)		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:15) Set It Off ★★★ (1996, Action) (PA) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah. (CC)				
	603	561	52	FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Challenge Fruit sculptures.		Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	60	CEN	Sanctuary "Nubbins" (N)		Reservation Road ★★ (2007) Premiere. (CC)		(:45) The Devil Wears Prada ★★★ (2006) Meryl Streep. (CC)				
	581	566	101	MTV	The Hills	The Hills	After Show	Cribs (CC)	Real World-Road Rules		The Hills	The Hills	MTV Presents

SATURDAY 11/8/08

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Vancouver Canucks. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	HNIC Replay
	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Soup	Behind	Behind	Dr. 90210 (CC)		Cash Queens of Music		E News
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE (Season Premiere) (N)		CSI: NY (CC)		Law & Order (CC)		To Be Announced		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	The Road to Passchendaele		Vimy Ridge: Heaven to Hell (CC)			Last Soldier	Massacre at Verrieres Ridge		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13	CITY	Polaris Music Prize (CC)		Less-Kind	Kaya (CC)	Black Point ★ (2001, Suspense) David Caruso. (CC) (DVS)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY "The Fall" (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal "Trick or Treat"		CSI: NY (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		CSI: NY (CC)		Without a Trace "Absalom"		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Knight Rider (CC)		The Office	Saturday Night	Live (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	College Football			Whacked Out	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Monk (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	2Half Men	2Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Scrubs (CC)	MADtv (N)
family sports news	502	390	26	NW	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations
	407	419	22	RSP	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape)				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30	TSN	NASCAR Race	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Kicking It ★★ (2008, Documentary) (CC)				SportsCentre
	552	543	25	YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto (CC)	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach (CC)	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	V for Vendetta ★★★ (2006) Natalie Portman.		
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	Doomsday Volcano (CC)		Heartbeat "Love Story" (CC)		Midsomer Murders "Second Sight" (N) (CC)				Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	CMT Star Crossed (N)		Grand Ole Opry Live		Gone Country		CMT Star Crossed		Coyote Ugly
	615	520	31	A&E	(5:00) Open Range ★★★		The Sopranos (CC)		Open Range ★★★ (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner. (CC)				
	521	560	34	TLC	Trading Spaces (N) (CC)		17 Kids-Count	17 Kids-Count	Property Ladder (CC)		Trading Spaces (CC)		Little People
	616	522	39	SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Secrets of an Undercover Wife (2007) Shawnee Smith. (CC)				Date Movie ★ (2006) Alyson Hannigan. (CC)		
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) Lethal Weapon 4 ★★ (1998) (PA)			(:40) Van Helsing ★★ (2004) (PA) Hugh Jackman, Kate Beckinsale. (CC)					Lethal Wpn. 4
	603	561	52	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		The F Word		Challenge (CC)		Dinner	Dinner	Nightmares
	320	621	60	CEN	Shrek 3rd	Penguins	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street ★★★				The Texas Chainsaw Massacre		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY 11/9/08

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland "Holding Fast" (N)		The Nature of Things (CC)		Leonard Cohen: Everybody		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6	JOY	Instant Beauty Pageant (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home		Hollywood Curses		Real Housewives of OC		News (CC)
	250	321	9	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 13 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	renegade	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		Cold Case "One Small Step"		Medium (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Valentine "Hound Dog" (N)		Easy Money "Bassmaster" (N)		Crusoe (CC)		Role
	-	-	14	CW	In Harm's Way (CC)		Valentine "Hound Dog" (N)		Easy Money "Bassmaster" (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 13 (N)		Cold Case "One Small Step"		The Unit "Into Hell, Part One"		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	NFL Football: Giants at Eagles			M. Holmgren	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	King of Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
family sports news	502	390	26	NW	Doc Zone "The Bush Years" (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Doc Zone "The Bush Years" (CC)		
	500	500	33	CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations
	407	419	22	RSP	Ms. Fitness USA '08		World Combat League (CC)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	NFL Football: Giants at Eagles			SportsCentre	Hockey World Junior A Challenge. (Taped) (CC)				SportsCentre
	552	543	25	YTV	(6:00) Over the Hedge ★★★		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star (CC)		Falcon Beach (CC)		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	George	Fraggle Rock	The Raccoons	Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	Heavy Metal 2000 ★★ (2000) Billy Idol		
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	Anatomy of an Earthquake		Doc Martin (CC)		New Tricks "Magic, Majestic"		Dalziel and Pascoe (N) (CC)		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	CMT's Greatest		Lorenzo's Oil ★★★ (1992, Docudrama) Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon.				
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "High Octane"		CSI: Miami "Hell Night" (CC)		CSI: Miami "Death Eminent"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	World's Heaviest Man (CC)		The Woman With Giant Legs		World's Heaviest Man (CC)		World's Heaviest Man (CC)		Mystery Diag.
	616	522	39	SHO	The Guard (CC)		Thrill of the Kill (2006, Suspense) Shiri Appleby, Chris Potter.				Weeds (CC)	Rescue Me	Kenny-Spenny
	294	650	47	TBS	Kill Bill: Vol. 2 ★★★ (2004, Action) (PA) Uma Thurman, David Carradine. (CC)				(:45) Kill Bill: Vol. 1 ★★★ (2003) (PA) Uma Thurman. (CC)				
	603	561	52	FN	Jamie's Kitchen Australia		Chef School	At the Table	Challenge (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Jamie
	320	621	60	CEN	Life & Times	Entourage (N)	True Blood (N) (CC)		Dexter "Easy as Pie" (N)		Factory Girl ★★ (2006) Sienna Miller. (CC)		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	MTV Presents: Summer		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Shuffle

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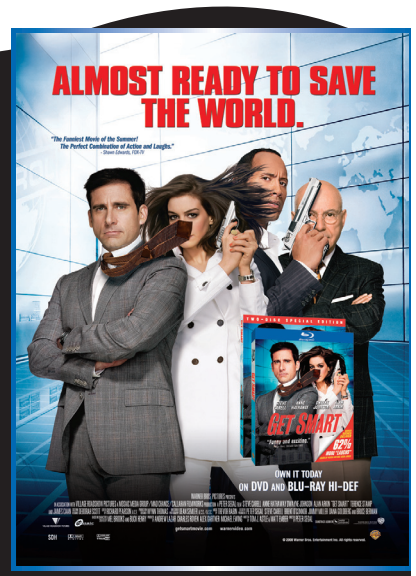

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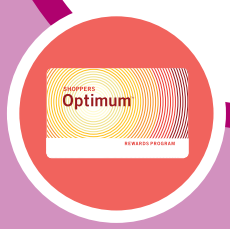

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Kim Duess carries essential gear during a mountain bike adventure through the "Sea 2 Sky" backcountry.

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music

FRI. 8 P.M. David Usher is a Juno award winner who's sold more than 1.3 million records. At the Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St. Tix: $29.50. Info: ticketmaster.ca.

FRI. 8 P.M. The King Khan & BBQ Show. King Khan and Mark Sultan, an R&B/garage punk duo, are known for their creative live shows. At the Biltmore Cabaret, 395 Kingsway. Tix: $14. Info: ticketweb.ca.

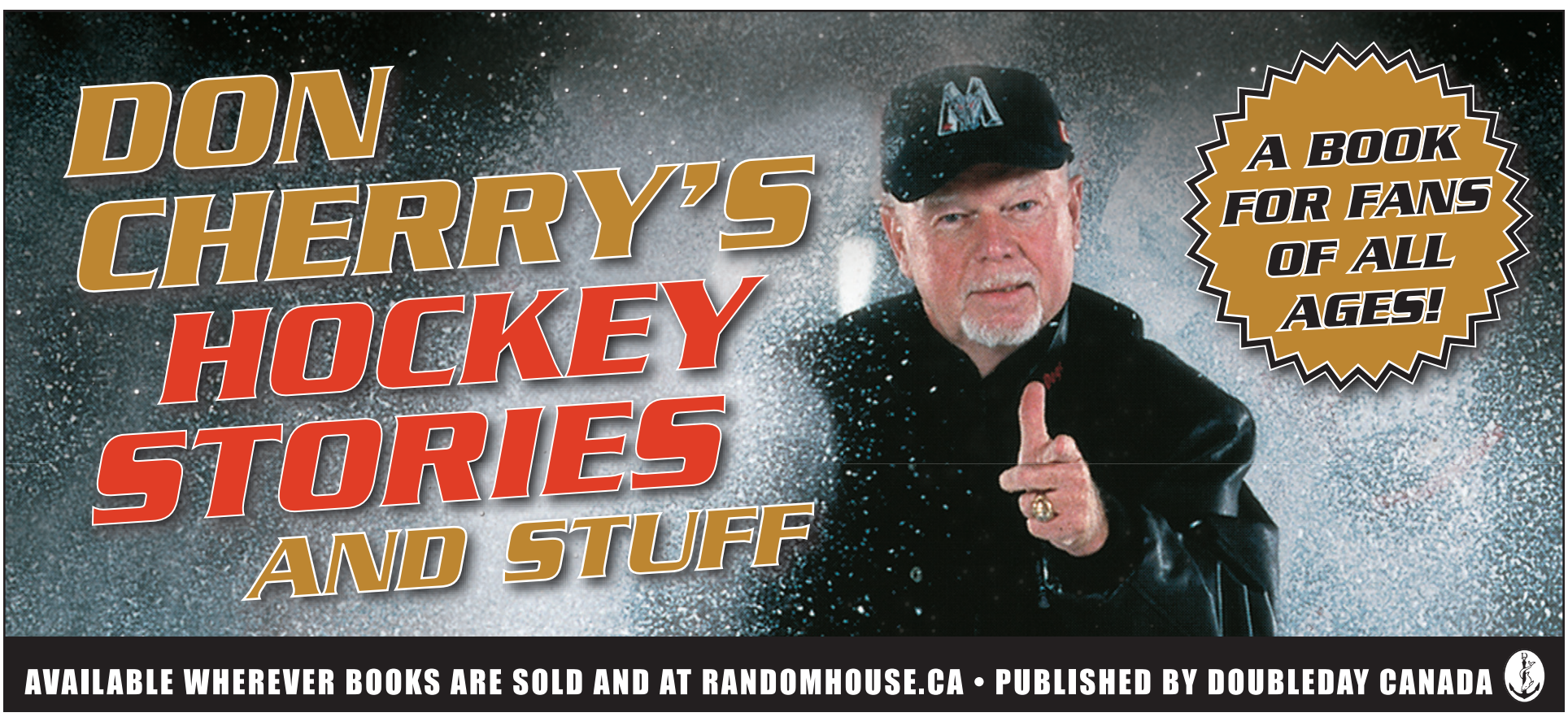
SAT. 8 P.M. The Ultimate Adventour Living with Lions, Carpenter, Aspirations. The band met after members moved into the same Vancouver house that they began calling "Dude Manor." The nickname became the title of their first album. At the Media Club, 695 Cambie St. Tix: $12. Info: themediaclub.ca.

SAT. 8 P.M. The Awkward Stage with Dylan Thomas. You may not embrace all of their music, but it comes from the right place, the band has said. At Biltmore Cabaret, 395 Kingsway. Info: biltmorecabaret.com.

clubs

FRI. 9 P.M. Cancun nights with DJ Cachete playing a mix of latin music including reggaeton, pop, rock and top 40. At the Red Room, 398 Richards St. Tix: $10. Info: vancouverlatinfever.com.

FRI. 9 P.M. Three-piece rock band from Texas, the Secret Machines describe their band as space rock. At Richards on Richards, 1036 Richards St. Tix: $18. Sealedwithakisspresents.com



Autumn winemakers' dinners
Provence Marinaside (1177 Marinaside Cres.) is uncorking a series of winemakers' dinners for the fall. On Nov. 12, 19 and 26, explore the wines of Blue Mountain, Blackwood Lane and Laughing Stock Vineyards. For menu details, call 604-681-4144. METRO

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It opened three weeks ago with no fanfare, publicity or buzz of any kind. In truth, I knew nothing about Twisted Fork Bistro until I received a plaintive e-mail from the owners begging me to review and praise them…or else put them out of their misery.

Well, I'm afraid I can't do it. The food was too good, the prices über-reasonable and that wall of pickled vegetables was just too interesting.

A gruyère onion tart ($5.50) with a pear-walnut chutney was light, creamy and pastry-perfect. Crabful cakes ($9) with red pepper coulis and avocado salsa were so hearty that I almost felt bad for the crustaceans who sacrificed their shells.

On the web
- Read the full article online at *metronews.ca/Vancouver/comment*.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at *metronews.typepad.com/urbanfoodie*.

My friend's Cornish game hen ($18) with celeriac puree and roasted plums was so tender and aromatic that I considered stealing it all for myself, but my duck ($23), served two ways (confit leg and cured breast) was pretty tasty (the leg could have been moister).

Some things need improvement. The music, while not overly loud, was eclectic, at best. And a few dishes lacked that polish that Vancouver diners have become accustomed to. However, I predict good things for this quasi-French eatery and look forward to many more twisted meals.

ANYA LEVYKH/FOR METRO VANCOUVER
Cornish hen with celeriac puree and roasted plums.

"Ribet, Ribet," said the Arrogant Frog

He calls himself the "humble winemaker," but Jean-Claude Mas is the face and brain behind Arrogant Frog (winery, that is) from Languedoc-Roussillon in France and its Ribet Red. This 55 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon, 45 per cent Merlot blend boasts a deep purple colour, a nose of black and red berries, red peppers and jam and a smooth finish. Best of all, though, is its price — $12.99 at BCLS means you can stock up for dinners of grilled meats, game, strong cheese and dark chocolate without breaking your piggy bank.

Dining out

CELEBRATE FALL HARVEST
Hart House Restaurant at Deer Lake (6664 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby) is celebrating fall's harvest with a two-course express lunch for $19, as well as a three-course dinner menu for $39. Sample dishes include beef bourguignon, California striped bass and roasted rack of lamb. Call 604-298-4278 or visit *harthouserestaurant.com*.

CHEFS' TASTING MENU
On Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., Glowbal Restaurant Group is hosting a joint Chefs' Tasting Menu at Coast Restaurant (1257 Hamilton St). The chefs from Coast, Glowbal Grill & Satay Bar, Sanafir, Italian Kitchen, Trattoria IK and Glowbal Catering will serve a 10-course dinner, including wine pairings, for $250 per person. Call 604-685-5010.

In brief

KEVIN VAN HULLEBUSH, formerly of Le Crocodile, Lift and C Restaurant, has taken on the assistant sommelier position at DB Bistro Moderne, which is set to open early December.

ROMY PRASAD, formerly of Savoury Coast and CinCin, has joined the team at So.Cial at Le Magasin under proprietor Maureen Fleming.

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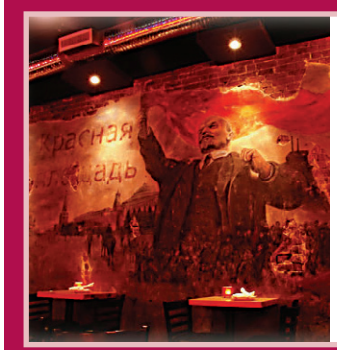

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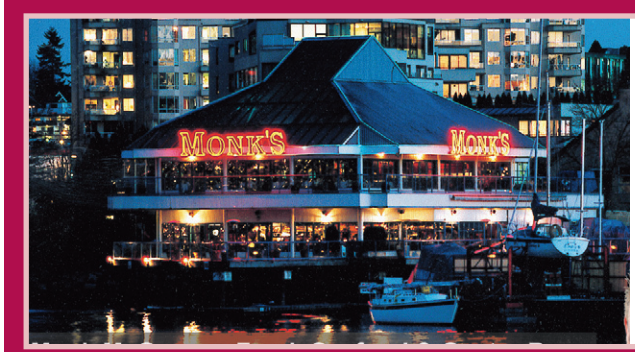

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Singer Wilson expecting again

Singer Carnie Wilson is going to be a mother for the second time. Wilson, 40, and husband Rob Bonfiglio, 41, are expecting a baby in June, her rep has confirmed. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

'I overdid the face filler': Lisa Rinna

BEAUTY Actress Lisa Rinna is opening the lid on a big Hollywood secret by confessing that she had too much of the filler Juvéderm injected into her face, intouchweekly.com reports.

"We all know everyone does it!" Rinna, 45, tells In Touch. "We go on Jenny Craig and do all these things to change ourselves, so why can't we get a little filler?"

But while a little is one thing, Rinna admits she recently overdid it.

"I saw a picture of myself and thought, 'Uh-oh,'" Rinna said, after getting too much Juvéderm. "You have to be careful. I'm a perfect example of that!"

"There are many things you can do to make yourself look better," says Rinna, whose fitness DVDs Lisa Rinna: Dance Body Beautiful are out in December.

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WILL RETURN

Madonna begs 'bosom buddy' Paltrow to move to N.Y.: Report

FRIENDS Pop star Madonna has reportedly begged actress Gwyneth Paltrow to move to New York, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Following her split from husband Guy Ritchie, Madonna is planning to quit London and relocate to the Big Apple after her Sticky and Sweet world tour finishes next month.

Madonna has relied on Paltrow — who primarily lives in London with husband Chris Martin and their two children — for support since separating from the film director, and wants her to follow her to New York.

"Madonna and Gwyneth are bosom buddies. Gwyneth was a rock to Madonna while she was considering whether to leave Guy, she had strong views on the situation," a source close to the star told Britain's The Sun newspaper.

"They were in constant contact during the difficult period and Madonna really valued Gwyneth's advice.

"Madonna is desperately sad to be leaving one of her best friends behind and has been urging her to join her in New York."

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Jolie gets fit with Wii

LIFE Actress Angelina Jolie has been using her children's video games to lose weight, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Jolie, who raises six kids with partner Brad Pitt, has been burning off her post-pregnancy pounds with a Nintendo Wii.

The video game console requires players to use their body to control their games' characters.

"Angelina's kids were convincing her that video games were more than just fun.

"They explained to her you can do anything from practise math to learn to read music and exercise," a source said.

"She tries to get in an hour of Pilates three times a week. She's picking it up pretty quickly and is already at the hardest setting!"

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'Something seriously wrong' with people who wear fur: Leona Lewis

OPINIONS Singer Leona Lewis has reportedly said people who wear fur have "something seriously wrong with them," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Lewis, who is a staunch vegetarian, can't understand why anyone would want to wear a coat made from animal skin.

"I can't begin to imagine that people who know all these animals have been killed to make a coat can still wear it," she said. "There must be something seriously wrong with them."

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Manson and Wood split over her live-in brother?

BREAKUP Marylin Manson has been dumped by his actress girlfriend Evan Rachel Wood, according to reports.

The couple split after a bitter arugment over 21-year-old Wood's brother Ira, who had been living with the celebrity pair, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Sources claim 39-year-old Manson tried to throw Ira out of the guest house at the Hollywood home he shares with his girlfriend.

"Evan owned the house and didn't want her unemployed sibling living on the street. It was the tipping point," an insider said.

Wood and Manson began dating in December 2006.

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Hefty Jackson's diet book cut

BOOK DEAL Janet Jackson's plans to release a diet book have been shelved, because the singer has piled on the pounds, femalefirst.co.uk reports media as saying.

Jackson had signed a deal to share her weight-loss secrets with fans after shedding 60 pounds in just four months in 2006.

But sources claim the pop superstar has added pounds during her current Rock Witchu tour, prompting her publishing bosses to back out of the deal.

"It has been postponed indefinitely. It was a mutual decision," an insider tells the National Enquirer.

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Diaz wouldn't share cigarettes, partygoers say

LIFE Actress Cameron Diaz reportedly upset guests by refusing to share her cigarettes at a party, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Diaz, who was attending a lavish Halloween bash hosted by her close friend Drew Barrymore at her Hollywood Hills, Calif., home, managed to annoy other partygoers by spending most of the evening smoking.

"Cameron was outside smoking the whole time, but when a couple of people asked if she had a cigarette, she always said no. It was so rude," a source told the New York Post newspaper.

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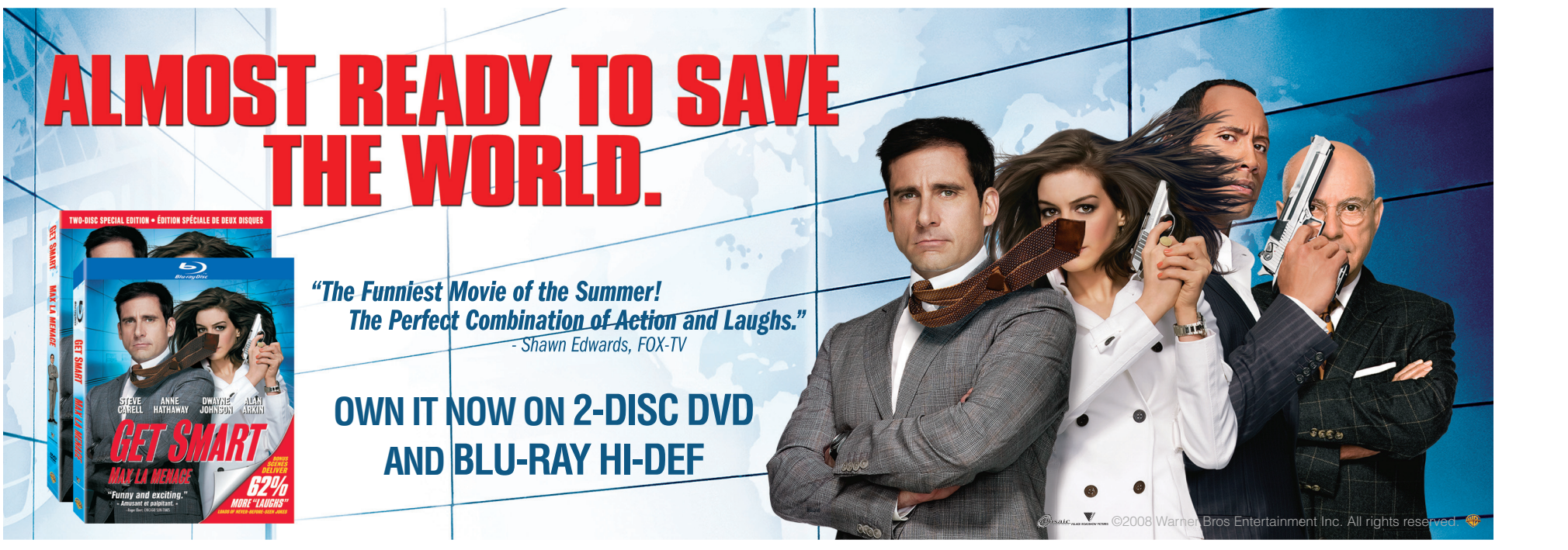

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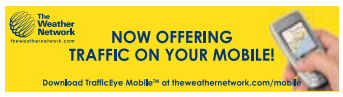

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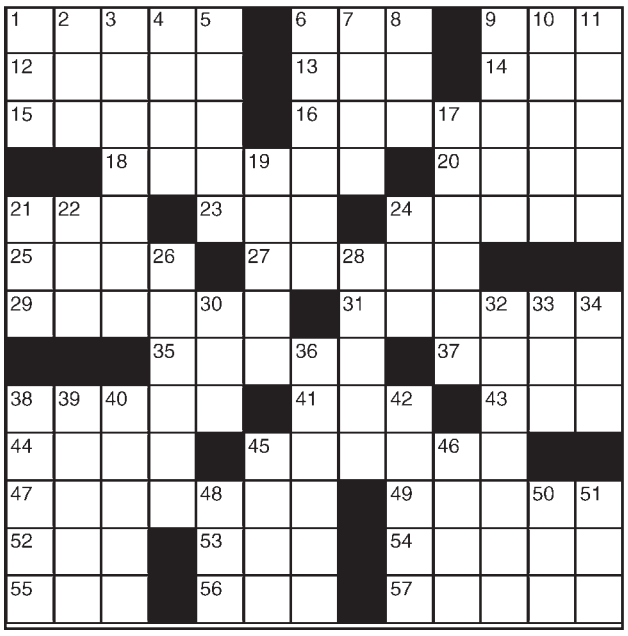

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Mosquitoes, e.g.
6 Hot tub
9 Cosmetics watchdog org.
12 Storage story
13 Allen or Burton
14 Journal
15 Puppeteer Lewis
16 Tombstone mot
18 Vintage Streisand hit
20 Vicinity
21 Puncturing tool
23 Zero
24 Follows orders
25 Owner's draft
27 Ship of the desert
29 Sequence of victories
31 "Queen of Soul"
35 Underground vault
37 Manx's lack
38 Site of emotions
41 Intend
43 Energy
44 "Metamorphoses" poet
45 Third-year student
47 Bug
49 Near
52 Away from WSW
53 Praise in verse
54 So all can hear
55 Scarlet
56 Apiece
57 Judo-like wrestling style

Crossword down

1 — de deux
2 Biblical verb suffix
3 Desk gadget
4 Exhaust
5 Offspring
6 "Streetcar ..." role
7 Meerschaum, e.g.
8 Parisian pal
9 Signal light
10 Happy companion
11 Eastern bigwigs
17 Pad
19 Fastidious
21 Commercials
22 Drenched
24 "— the fields we go ..."
26 Unscramble, maybe
28 Early morning
30 Branch
32 Bar
33 Hasten
34 Matterhorn, e.g.
36 Poor one
38 Viny shelter
39 Sheep-ish?
40 Begat
42 Isinglass et al.
45 Green gem
46 Earthen pot
48 Upper surface
50 Replacement
51 Tokyo's old name

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Recipe of the day

Cream of leek and potato soup

INGREDIENTS:
1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
8 oz (225 g) leeks, white part only, thickly sliced
1 large onion, coarsely chopped
6 cups (1.5 L) homemade or canned low-sodium chicken or vegetable stock
450 lb (450 g) potatoes, peeled and diced
1 pinch freshly ground white pepper
1/3 cup (75 mL) low-fat sour cream
Snipped fresh chives to garnish

METHOD:
1. In a large saucepan, heat oil over moderate heat. Stir in leeks and onion with 3/4 cup (175 mL) stock. Cover and cook, stirring frequently, until softened but not browned, About 10 minutes.
2. Add potatoes to saucepan and stir to coat with leek and onion mixture.
3. Pour in half of remaining stock and bring to a boil. Partly cover, then simmer for 15–20 minutes or until potatoes are soft.
4. Remove from heat. Ladle into a blender or food processor and purée.
5. Pour remaining stock into the pan. Add vegetable purée and bring to a simmer, stirring constantly. Season with white pepper.
6. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream. Ladle into bowls and garnish with snipped chives.

PER SERVING
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SERVES 8

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AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Avoid competing with an authority figure. A happy change involves an absent-minded friend. Don't interfere with a noisy celebration.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A drama queen is implicated in a hilarious scene. A fake romance is put on hold. A charming person wants to get lucky..

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An important financial event occurs. Make advances toward the bonds of friendship. You're eager for some fresh excitement.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone's infatuation will clear up. An illness has strange consequences. The intolerance of others will surprise you.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Your best friend is available for sympathy. A flirtation will give you new hope. It's not a good day to do battle.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Remain discreet when faced with hostility. Consider a bitter failure as an opportunity. Tremendous problems will only make things easier.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your energy level challenges preconceptions. Don't complain to people who don't care. Some benefits are easier to enjoy.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A strong-willed man appears to be the best choice. A fascinating person boasts about an offer. Someone you love has a difficult experience.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A devoted friend is getting careless. It's time to heal old wounds. Unexpected problems interfere with someone's hard work.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
An obstacle will not be a surprise. A disconcerting matter is revealed by the wrong person. Don't refuse anyone's help.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Chat up a reluctant person for fun. Helping a friend is the best way to relax. A middle aged woman dictates your next step.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
An adversary will be beaten by being too cautious. A dispute will sabotage a plan. A friend is guilty of an indiscretion.

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